

17 October 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, USIB

SUBJECT : Secretariat Summary of USIB Agenda
for 19 October

NOTE: We anticipate that General Phillips, DIRNSA and General Potts, Army (bio attached) will be making their first appearance at USIB this week. The new Deputy, DIA, General Deane will also be at the table as the Acting DIA Member for the first time at this meeting.

Item 1 Watch Report No. 1156
Draft by the Watch Committee to be circulated for USIB approval; Sponsor - Mr. Lehman

Item 2 NIE on Venezuela: The Politics of Oil
BNE draft coordinated with USIB Representatives for USIB approval; Sponsor - Mr. Huizenga

This is a regularly scheduled estimate. State requested that a section be included (beginning on page 39) on the prospects for a long-term energy agreement between the US and Venezuela. No serious substantive problems arose during the coordination of this paper and BNE does not anticipate any particular problems at the Board.

Item 3 Proposed Program of National Intelligence Estimates for Period 1 October 1972 to 31 March 1973

As in the past the regularly scheduled quarterly program of National Intelligence Estimates is being considered at the USIB to afford members the opportunity to comment on this schedule. No particular problems are anticipated at USIB.

Exempt from general declassification
of E.O. 11652, exemption category
5B2. Automatically declassified on:
Date Impossible to Determine

Executive Session

Item 4 Papers for the Office of Management and Budget

Tom Parrott's memorandum to you on this subject recommends that it might be useful for you to mention in executive session how these papers should be handled, i. e., no release to OMB until final approval by the USIB. Also included under Item 4 in your book is a May 1966 minute item of a meeting which you chaired as Acting Director when the Board discussed the same subject. This discussion was based on DCI instructions (also under Item 4) pertaining to requests for information by officials of the Bureau of the Budget.

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Executive Secretary, USIB

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S E C R E T

WILLIAM EDWARD POTTS
Major General, United States Army

William Edward Potts was born November 9, 1921, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He graduated from High School at the Oklahoma Military Academy as Valedictorian. In 1941 he was the Honor Graduate of Oklahoma's Senior ROTC Cavalry unit and received the Reserve Officers' Association award for the outstanding graduate in Oklahoma for that year.

In 1942 he was commissioned a 2d Lieutenant Cavalry underage and entered active duty at Fort Riley, Kansas where he graduated from the Officers' Basic Course at The Cavalry School.

In December 1942 he was assigned to the 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Jackson, South Carolina and subsequently served as a Platoon Leader, Troop Executive Officer, commanded B Troop for eighteen months, Squadron S3, Squadron Executive Officer and Squadron Commander. During the Normandy, Northern France and Rhineland Campaigns he served with this regiment performing deep reconnaissance missions for the First and Third U.S. Armies in Europe. He received a battlefield promotion from the Third Army Commander for action outlined in the U.S. Army History, The Lorraine Campaign, while commanding a battalion when 22 years old. SHAEF reported him as probably the youngest field-grade officer in the Army Ground Forces, ETO, at that time. Subsequently, he was seriously wounded in action.

In 1945 he was assigned to the Staff and Faculty of The Armor School, Fort Knox, Kentucky where he taught Mecz Reconnaissance and Armored Division operations until attending the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Graduating in June of 1946 General Potts was assigned as Assistant G3 for Hq XXIV Corps and US Army Forces in Korea. During the occupation of Korea, he served seven months over the regular tour to broadcast the first inaugural ceremonies of the Republic of Korea and assist with the phase-out operations of US Forces. Following the annual inspection of the Far East Command by The Inspector General, US Army in 1948, he was formally commended by Department of the Army.

In January 1949 he was again assigned to the Staff and Faculty, The Armor School, Fort Knox, Kentucky, until attending the 1949-50 Officers' Advanced Course. Upon graduation in June 1950, he was assigned to the Army General Staff for duty in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G2, Department of the Army.

In 1953 General Potts returned to Korea and commanded the 72d Tank Battalion, 2d US Infantry Division until April 1954 when he was selected to be Senior G3 Advisor for First ROK Army.

Returning to the U.S., General Potts was again assigned to The Armor School at Fort Knox and selected to be one of the first officers to serve in the newly established combat developments program, charged with the development of doctrine, organization and equipment for the future Army. As Deputy Director for Armor Combat Developments, he was officially commended by Department of the Army for

his work on the first Sky Cavalry and Aero Cavalry projects, the first atomic test where troops participated above ground, and his contributions in Armor, Artillery and Infantry Tripartite Conferences.

In July 1957 he entered the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Virginia. Graduating in January 1958, he assumed command of the 3d Battalion, 14th Armored Cavalry Regiment at Bad Hersfeld, Germany, while awaiting promotion to Colonel. Subsequently during 1958 and 1959, he commanded the 14th Armored Cavalry Regiment along the east-west German border. During the 12 months following these command assignments, he served as ACoFS, G3 for the VII Corps in Germany until returning to the U.S. to attend the National War College at Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.

Graduating from the National War College in 1961, General Potts was selected to remain with the college to serve as a monitor and assist with the 1961 National Defense Strategy Seminar conducted under the supervision of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

During the period July 1961 to July 1962, he was assigned to Office, Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army. As Chairman of a Special Study Group convened by the Chief of Staff and composed of Army-wide representatives, General Potts initiated action which led to a thorough analysis of Army Intelligence resources capable of supporting unconventional warfare and counter-insurgency operations. His contributions to this important study have had a major impact on Army counterinsurgency doctrine and policy. During this period he also traveled extensively throughout Laos and Vietnam. Subsequently he served on the Rosson Special Warfare Committee to develop a comprehensive and integrated Special Warfare Program, an Army blueprint for long-range special warfare objectives and the supporting program essential to their accomplishment.

Completing these projects in July 1962, General Potts was assigned to the Office Secretary of Defense for duty with the U.S. Representative to the NATO Military Committee and Standing Group. Serving as the U.S. member on several NATO military committees, he assisted in the development of international policies, plans and estimates.

In May 1965 General Potts was selected to be the first ACoFS, G3 for US Army Vietnam. He was personally responsible for the highly involved operational planning, coordination, and execution of the successful reception, in-processing, and forward movement of over 700 U.S. Army units totalling over 150,000 troops in addition to elements of the Republic of Korea, Australian and New Zealand Armed Forces within the exacting schedule established by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Subsequently he served as Deputy Chief of Staff for P and A and then Special Assistant to the Deputy Commanding General, USARV.

Returning to the U.S. in August 1966, General Potts was assigned as Chief of Staff for the U.S. Army Security Agency. When selected for promotion to Brigadier General, he assumed the duties of ACoFS, G2 for the CINC US Army Pacific and subsequently ACoFS, J2 for the Commander, US Military Assistance Command in Vietnam. On 1 October 1972, after serving three and a half years as J2, MACV, General Potts was appointed Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army.

Since graduating from the National War College in 1961, General Potts has completed the Advanced Management Program at Harvard University, East-West Relations Training at Oxford University, and the National Defense Strategy Seminar at the National War College. In addition, he holds two MA degrees from George Washington University and has been advanced to candidacy for a PhD at the American University.

PERSONAL DATA:

Marriage: Elaine Marie Whitaker of Tulsa, Oklahoma

MILITARY EDUCATION:

National War College Regular Course - 1961.
Armed Forces Staff College - 1958.
Command and General Staff College - 1946.
U.S. Strategic Intelligence School - 1952.
Officers Advanced Course, The Armor School - 1950.
Officers Basic Course, The Cavalry School - 1942.
Armed Forces Special Weapons Employment, Sandia Base - 1952, 1956, 1963, and 1967.
AAA and Guided Missile School, Fort Bliss - 1957.
National Defense Strategy Seminar at National War College - 1961 and 1967.

CIVILIAN EDUCATION:

Advanced to Candidacy for PhD Degree by the American University Nov. 30, 1964; major fields in Executive Development and Contemporary International Relations.

1st Master of Arts Degree from George Washington University 1955; School of Government with major fields in Management and Personnel Administration.

2d Master of Arts Degree from George Washington University 1962; International Affairs.

Completed Advanced Management Program, Harvard University 1965.

Completed East-West Relations Program, St. Johns College of Oxford University, England, 1963.

Completed "The Computer: What Management Needs to Know," Harvard University 1967.

Completed "National Industry - Government Relations Seminar," Harvard University 1967.

Completed "Inter-Governmental Cooperation Seminar" conducted by American Society for Public Administration at East-West Center, University of Hawaii 1968.

Completed "1968 Management Seminar" conducted by U.S. Council for International Progress in Management; Hawaii 1968.

BS University of Maryland.

AA Oklahoma Military Academy.

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Distinguished Service Medal

Silver Star Medal

Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS (cont.):

Bronze Star Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters and V Clasp
 Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters
 Joint Service Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster
 Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster
 Purple Heart
 French Croix-de-Guerre with Silver Star
 Republic of China Special Cravat of the Order of Cloud and Banner
 Thailand Knight Grand Cross of the Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant
 Philippine Outstanding Achievement Medal
 National Order of Vietnam Fourth Class
 Vietnam Armed Forces Honor Medal First Class
 Vietnam National Police Honor Medal First Class
 Korean Order of Military Merit, Chungmu
 Korean Chungmu Distinguished Service Medal with Gold Star
 Vietnam Civil Actions Medal, First Class
 Vietnam Military Social Service Honor Medal, First Class
 Vietnam Navy Service Medal Honor Class
 Presidential Citation from PARK CHUNG HEE, Republic of Korea
 American Campaign Medal
 European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal
 World War II Victory Medal
 Army of Occupation Medal
 National Defense Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster
 Korean Service Medal
 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Laos)
 Vietnam Service Medal
 United Nations Service Medal
 Vietnam Campaign Medal
 Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge
 Army General Staff Identification Badge
 Vietnam Armor Badge
 Korean Presidential Unit Citation
 Thirteen Overseas Bars

PROMOTIONSTEMPORARYPERMANENT

2d Lieutenant	5 Mar 1942	
1st Lieutenant	19 Nov 1942	9 Nov 1945
Captain	20 Oct 1943	1 Jul 1948
Major	6 Oct 1944	6 Jul 1954
LT Colonel	7 Jul 1951	7 Jul 1962
Colonel	26 Aug 1958	9 Nov 1967
Brigadier General	18 Oct 1967	5 Feb 1971 (DOR 6 Oct 69)
Major General	1 Jan 1971 (DOR 11 Oct 66)	

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

US Delegation, NATO Ministerial Meetings 1962, 1963, and 1964.

US Delegation, NATO Military Committee in Chiefs of Staff Session, 1962, 1963, and 1964.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (cont.):

US Delegation, NATO Military Committee in Permanent Session, 1962, 1963, 1964, and 1965.

US Delegation, Armor, Artillery and Infantry Tripartite Conferences, 1954-57.

US Member, NATO Special Committees to Develop International Estimates and Plans, 1962, 63, 64, and 65.

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

Commissioner Staff for The Boy Scouts of America. General Potts, an Eagle Scout from the Chocktaw Council in Oklahoma, has assisted the Scouting Program for over 25 years. He holds the Scouter's Key and Arrowhead awards for these services.

Doctoral Association, The American University.

Association of The United States Army.

Armor Association.

Association of Graduates from Harvard University, George Washington University, Maryland University, and the Oklahoma Military Academy.

INTERESTS AND HOBBIES:

General Potts has served as a guest speaker at most U.S. Army service schools and colleges, The US Military Academy, The NATO Defense College, The Republic of Vietnam National Defense College, The Republic of China Defense College, and The Royal Thai Armed Forces Staff College. He is interested in military journalism and has written "The Evolution of Soviet Military Doctrine since World War II," "Korea from 1945 - 50," and numerous articles on mecz reconnaissance and Armor operations. He enjoys athletics, hunting and fishing.

COUNTRIES VISITED:

The Ministry of Defense for each NATO nation.

Fourteen countries in Africa as a member of the National War College Group.

Member of Department of Defense Teams to visit and study Counterinsurgency in Southeast Asia.

Has served in England, France, Germany, Korea, and Vietnam.

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF ASSIGNMENTS:

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Student Officers Basic Course, The Cavalry School, Fort Riley, Kansas	Mar 42	Jul 42
Platoon Leader, Troop D, 5th Squadron CRTG, Fort Riley, Kansas	Jul 42	Dec 42
Platoon Leader and Troop Executive Officer, 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment	Dec 42	Jun 43
Commanding Officer, Troop B, 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment	Jun 43	Sep 44

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF ASSIGNMENTS (cont.):

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Squadron Executive Officer and Squadron Commander	Sep 44	Nov 44
Patient US Army Hospitals recovering from wounds	Nov 44	Aug 45
Staff and Faculty, The Armor School, Fort Knox, Kentucky	Sep 45	Jan 46
Student, The Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas	Jan 46	Jul 46
Assistant G3, US Army Forces in Korea	Jul 46	Jan 49
Staff and Faculty, The Armor School, Fort Knox, Kentucky	Feb 49	Sep 49
Student, Officers Advanced Course, The Armor School, Fort Knox, Kentucky	Sep 49	Jun 50
Office ACofS, G2, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C.	Jun 50	May 53
Commanding Officer, 72d Tank Battalion, 2d Infantry Division in Korea	Jun 53	Apr 54
Senior G3 Advisor, First ROK Army	Apr 54	Nov 54
Deputy Director for Combat Developments, The Armor School and Center, Fort Knox, Kentucky	Nov 54	July 57
Student Officer, Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia	Jul 57	Jan 58
Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 14th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Germany	Jan 58	Jul 58
Commanding Officer, 14th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Germany	Jul 58	Aug 59
ACofS, G3, VII Corps in Germany	Sep 59	Sep 60
Student Officer, The National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.	Sep 60	Jun 61
Moderator, The National Defense Strategy Seminar, The National War College	Jun 61	Aug 61
Laos and Vietnam representing ACofS, Intelligence, DA, Chairing DA Committee on Counterinsurgency and serving on Rosson Board for Special Warfare	Aug 61	Jun 62
Office, Secretary of Defense for duty with JCS and US Representative to NATO Military and Standing Group	Jul 62	Feb 65
Student Officer, Advanced Management Program, Harvard University, Boston, Mass.	Feb 65	Jun 65
ACofS, G3, US Army in Vietnam	Jun 65	Feb 66
Deputy Chief of Staff for P and A and Special Assistant to Commanding General, US Army, Vietnam	Feb 66	Aug 66
Chief of Staff, US Army Security Agency, Washington, D.C.	Sep 66	Aug 67
ACofS, G2, US Army Pacific	Sep 67	Feb 69
ACofS, J2, US Military Assistance Command, Vietnam	Mar 69	Sep 72
Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of Army	Oct 72	

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Mr. Colby, Executive Director of CIA, wishes to invite the attention of [Principal] to the large exhibit on the occasion of the Tenth Anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis in Corridor D of the CIA building - to the left of the main entrance. The exhibit highlights the photographic aspects of the crisis including intelligence community participation during this period. Please feel free to stop by either before or after this week's USIB meeting or any other time that it's convenient.

Above message telephoned around to USIB contacts on 17 October 1972.

will advise the USIB Principals of the location of the exhibit when they enter the building for the 19 October USIB meeting.

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